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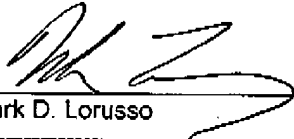
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ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO.: NBG-113

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Matteo ZOPPAS et al.
Serial No.: 10/574,889
Filed: April 7, 2006
For: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR EXTRACTING PLASTIC ITEMS
Examiner: Emmanuel S. Luk
Art Unit: 1744
Confirmation No.: 3357

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I hereby certify that the following correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via the USPTO EFS-Web efilng system on October 3, 2011.


Mark D. Lorusso

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Sir:

This is in reply to the Notice of Abandonment mailed August 25, 2011.

Applicants submit this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 to withdraw the holding of abandonment for the alleged failure to pay the issue fee. Applicants, through attorney of record, timely filed the issue fee on August 11, 2011. The facts are as follows:

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1. On August 11, 2011, the undersigned attorney of record prepared the issue fee transmittal along with a check endorsed to the Director of the United States Patent & Trademark Office to cover the issue fee due as well as a return post card. (Exhibit A - Declaration of Mark D. Lorusso at ¶ 2).

2. On August 11, 2011 at approximately 1 p.m., the attorney of record personally deposited an envelope with sufficient postage with a branch of the United States Post Office located at Newington, New Hampshire 03802. The envelope contained the signed Issue Fee Transmittal with a properly executed Certificate of Mailing dated August 11, 2011. The check and post card were included in the envelope. (Lorusso Decl. at ¶3; Exhibit B – Copy of Issue Fee Transmittal).

3. The USPTO apparently stamped the post card on August 26, 2011. (Exhibit C-Copy of return post card, as stamped). The return post card was received by the attorney of record on August 31, 2011. (Lorusso Decl. at ¶ 4).

4. The issue fee was apparently processed on August 29, 2011. Counsel of record confirmed the issue fee check had cleared on August 31, 2011 after receiving the return post card. (Lorusso Decl. at ¶ 5).

5. The undersigned counsel of record cannot explain the delay between the deposit of the issue fee with the U.S. Postal Service and the receipt and processing of

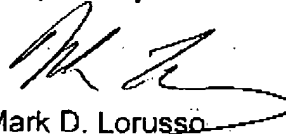
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the issue fee by the USPTO on August 25, 2011 and August 29, 2011, respectively.
(Lorusso Decl. at ¶ 6).

6. It is believed that no fee is due with this petition. Should a fee be due for any reason, the attorney of record respectfully requests a telephone call to address any fee matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A

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DECLARATION OF MARK D. LORUSSO

I, Mark D. Lorusso, hereby declare:

1. I am a patent attorney registered with the United States Patent & Trademark Office, Registration Number 41,955. I am the attorney of record for application Ser. No. 10/574,889 (hereinafter the '889 application)
2. During the morning of August 11, 2011, I prepared the Issue Fee Transmittal for the '889 application. I also prepared a check and return post card with proper and adequate postage attached thereto. A copy of the documents with the check copy redacted to obscure account information is submitted herewith as Exhibit B.
3. At approximately 1 p.m. EST, I deposited an envelope containing the Issue Fee Transmittal, check and post card with the United States Post Office at its Newington, New Hampshire, 03802 branch. The envelope was addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Issue Fee, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. Proper and adequate postage was affixed to the envelope.
4. On August 31, 2011, the return post card was received in my firm's Post Office box. The post card bears the USPTO stamp with the date August 26, 2011. A copy of

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the card as stamped is submitted herewith as Exhibit C.

5. After receipt of the post card, again on August 31, 2011, I confirmed with the undersigned's bank that the check sent to cover the issue fee had cleared.
6. The undersigned cannot explain the delay between the deposit of the issue fee with the U.S. Postal Service and the receipt and processing of the issue fee by the USPTO on August 25, 2011 and August 29, 2011, respectively.

I make this declaration with the understanding that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the outcome of this opposition; and further that all statements made are of my own knowledge and are true.

By 
Mark D. Lorusso
Attorney of record

Date: October 3, 2011

EXHIBIT B

PART B - FEE(S) TRANSMITTAL

Complete and send this form, together with applicable fee(s), to: **Mail** Mail Stop ISSUE FEE
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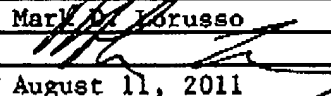
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Mark D. Lorusso (Depositor's name)
 (Signature)
August 11, 2011 (Date)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/574,889	04/07/2006	Matteo Zoppas	NBG-113	3357

TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE AND PROCESS FOR EXTRACTING PLASTIC ITEMS

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE DUE	PUBLICATION FEE DUE	PREV. PAID ISSUE FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1510	\$300	\$0	\$1810	08/11/2011

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
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- ☒ Issue Fee
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5. Change in Entity Status (from status indicated above)

- ☐ a. Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27. ☐ b. Applicant is no longer claiming SMALL ENTITY status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)(2).

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Authorized Signature

Typed or printed name **Mark D. Lorusso**

Date **August 11, 2011**

Registration No. **41,955**

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